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REPLY BRIEF

Dear Sir:

This Reply Brief is responsive to Examiner's Answer dated February 7, 2005.

Examiner's Answer states that Appellant's Appeal Brief contends Burkett does not state how data is changed. This is not Appellant's contention. Appellant contends Burkett's teaching about how data is changed is different than how data is changed as stated in the claims of the present case. The issue concerns the relationship between the data that is changed and the GUI for changing the data.

In this same regard, Examiner's Answer states that Appellant contends in his Appeal Brief that Burkett does not teach maintaining parameter information by representing information as a GUI and using the GUI to modify information. This is not Appellant's contention. Appellant contends Burkett does not teach maintaining parameter information by representing the parameter information as a GUI, where the same GUI that the parameter information gives rise to, and that represents the parameter information, is used to modify the parameter information.

More specifically, Examiner's Answer relies on teaching by Burkett that data can be changed by using a GUI, citing Burkett columns 1 and 9, and figures 6A-6F, 13A-13B and 15.

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But the data thus changed is not data that was used to build the GUI in the first place, as claimed in the present application. As Appellant pointed out in the Appeal Brief, no teaching has been cited by Burkett, or anyone else, regarding a GUI for changing parameter information, where the parameter information is itself represented by, and also gives rise to, that same GUI.

Finally, just as in the Final Office Action, Examiner's Answer does not address a certain issue regarding an edit panel feature of the invention. That is, Examiner's Answer never even asserts that Burkett teaches what is claimed in the present application. The Answer merely states that Burkett teaches a "means" to edit. Neither of the cited references teach displaying information about parameters of a file in the manner claimed, according to which a navigator panel shows a structure for the parameters, and then one of the parameters and its attribute sub-fields are shown in an edit panel responsive to a user selecting the parameter, so that the user may edit the sub-fields and store the new data.

As stated in claim 1 of the present application, the method includes "... representing said text file as a Graphical User Interface (GUI) having a navigator panel and an edit panel, wherein the navigator panel shows, for the text file, a structure for the parameters ... showing in the edit panel, responsive to a user selecting one of the parameters in the navigator panel: the one of the parameters in a parameter field, and one or more attribute sub-fields for the selected one of the parameters ... "From the foregoing portion of the claim it is clear parameter information is represented and gives rise to a GUI that is used by a user to select ones of the parameters and to display attribute sub-fields thereof. The claim goes on to say, "... each of said sub-fields being text editable; and ... storing attribute text entered in any said sub-field to a data store." This portion of the claim makes it clear that the displayed GUI is also used to change the very data that gives rise to the GUI, i.e., to enter attribute text in any of the displayed sub-fields.

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REQUEST FOR ACTION

Based on the above arguments and Appellant's previously filed Appeal Brief, Appellant requests that claims 1-6, 8-11 and 18-27 of the present application be allowed and the application promptly be passed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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